



# Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto  
"Reliability"

## Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 14th – Friday 25th May**  
NAPLAN

**Wednesday 23rd May**  
Simultaneous Storytime  
"Hickory Dickory Dash"

**Friday 25th May**  
Parent Assembly Rooms 14 & 17  
Year 6 Cake Stall

**Monday 28th May**  
Football West visiting

**Monday 4th June**  
WA Day – Public Holiday

**Tuesday 5th June**  
Football West visiting  
Parent Newsletter

**Monday 11th June**  
Football West visiting

**Thursday 14th June**  
Ramadan finishes

**Friday 15th June**  
NAIDOC WEEK  
Sean Choolburra Incursion

**Tuesday 19th June**  
Parent Newsletter

**Monday 25th June**  
Football West visiting

### SCHOOL WATCH ALERT

Our school is being subjected to increasing vandalism after school and on weekends. Please report any after hours visitors to the police on **9923 4555** or School Watch on **131 444**. Please keep children out of the school grounds after hours.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

#### Regional Executive Director

Today we are hosting a visit by the Regional Education Director Mr Greg Thorne. Mr Thorne will be here to speak to teachers and students about the school and how we are developing our school programs in line with the Education Department Focus 2018 document, which outlines the strategic direction for schools for this year. Head Boy and Girl Toby McMill and Bailee Reed have begun the visit by taking Mr Thorne on a tour of the school and showing him the places that are significant to them and will give him an insight into the school from a student perspective. School Council Chair Mr Dale Pearse will also be speaking to Mr Thorne.

#### NAPLAN Online

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will complete the last of the assessments in the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The use of the online platform this year has been pretty smooth. The new format has been widely accepted by the students and we had no real technical issues. We will now await the results which will be scheduled to be released towards the end of next term. It has been interesting to note that some children have answered the questions in the same way that we would have expected them to using the pen and paper format.

#### Geraldton Buccaneers

Last Wednesday we hosted 4 players from the Geraldton Buccaneers and instead of doing the usual clinic with one or two classes Mrs Clarke gave us an interesting twist. She organised for the Buccs to play a game against a Mount Tarcoola team that rotated players (students and staff). We also had Mrs Clarke and several students play on the Buccs' team. It was very entertaining and the much taller Buccs enthralled us with their slam dunk theatrics and amazing ball handling skills. Although it must be said Mrs Batty did her utmost to put them off with her own dazzling display of skills!

#### Lightning Carnival

Last Friday children in years 5 and 6 participated in the annual Football and Netball Lightning Carnival against all the other primary schools in the Geraldton region. In the Football carnival we created three even teams and everyone had maximum participation. Whilst the footballers did not win many games they all had a great time and represented their school with pride. The Netballers also had several teams that participated enthusiastically with our Year 6 team coming away winners on the day which was great to see. Many, many thanks to the mums and dads who came along and helped out with coaching, umpiring and supporting on the day. Their support was very much appreciated by the school and also by the children.

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### Faction Netball/Football

The annual lunchtime Netball and Football competitions have begun and have been enthusiastically supported by the Year 5 and 6 children. Each Monday and Tuesday lunchtime two of the factions have been scheduled to play each other with several close games already being played.

### Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday the school is participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) campaign. NSS is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. NSS 2018's book is Hickory Dickory Dash written by Tony Wilson, illustrated by Laura Wood and published by Scholastic. Just before recess every class will take the time to read and participate in activities around this story. More information can be found at <https://www.alia.org.au/events/15918/national-simultaneous-storytime-2018>

### Numero

Today we have a mathematics incursion. We have Julie Richards from Ric Publications running Numero workshops with our children across the course of the day. Julie will also run a staff workshop afterschool followed by a parent workshop this evening. Numero is a world recognised mathematics program that provides great support to children with their basic fact numeracy skills, problem solving and mental computational skills.

### STEM Day

Good luck to the Year 5's in Room 13 on Thursday. They are off to Geraldton Grammar to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge. The class will be split into mini teams that will participate in several STEM based challenges across the course of the day. Mr Giles and Mrs Blanke (STEM Coordinator at Mount Tarcoola) will be supervising the children whilst at the same time picking up lots of great STEM ideas to bring back to the school.

### Parent Assembly

Don't forget that this Friday we have an assembly that is being run by Rooms 14 and 17. The whole school community is invited to attend. The assembly will commence at approximately 9.00am. The Year 6 students will also be holding their Cake Stall.

Principal  
Paul Luxton

### CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Thinking about Mount Tarcoola Primary Schools " Four Be's."

#### Be Cooperative

Being cooperative increases personal well-being

Being cooperative promotes positive relationships with others

A community where people trust and cooperate with each other is happier and more productive.



### WORM JUICE FOR SALE

ROOM 3 is selling fresh worm juice outside the undercover area this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Cost is \$4.00 a bottle. Return your bottle for a refill and receive 50 cents off your next purchase

### REMINDERS

- **Uniform Shop** is open every Friday during school terms from 8.30am - 9.00am in the Art room. Any other times see Jodie in the canteen daily until 1:00pm.
- Hats, satchels and a small amount of stationary are available from the canteen daily.
- **Bookclub** — please place correct money with orders as change is not available
- **School Banking** - will be on WEDNESDAYS, outside Jnr block on a fortnightly basis. Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.

## RAISING A LITTLE SHRUGGER!

Everyone knew a shrugger when they were young. They seemed to be everywhere in my neighbourhood.

Shruggers are the kids who can shrug off the teasing and negative comments from peers and siblings.

My best friend Terry was an infuriating shrugger!

He used to **shrug his shoulders** whenever anyone teased him or tried to persuade him to their way of thinking.

'Hey Terry, you're a **\*\*&&&E@!**

Shrug!

'Hey Terry, everyone says your..... **\*&&TR!**'

Shrug!

"Hey Terry, I'm going to tell on you!"

Shrug!

His nonchalance used to drive everyone nuts!

So much so, that he was rarely targeted for teasing despite the fact that he wasn't sporty, wasn't cool and he was a late maturer, all of which back then (and is still the case now) put a boy in the "to be picked on" category.

The opposite to shrugging is **wearing your heart on your sleeve**, which only makes kids prime targets for teasing, and even bullying at school.

Socially savvy kids know that some negative peer comments directed at them need to be ignored. That's quite a skill.

Interestingly, my boyhood mate Terry was the youngest of four brothers. I guess he would have perfected the art of shrugging out of sheer necessity. He couldn't afford to be the sensitive type in that environment.

If you have a sensitive child who wears his or her heart on their sleeve, or child who reacts impulsively to taunts and witticisms alike, then it may be wise to introduce the **art of shrugging** into their repertoire of responses.

It can be infuriating but as my boyhood friend Terry discovered, it's so darn effective.

You can find out more about shrugging as well as 40 other ideas to help you with ways to raise kids to thrive in my book [Teach your kids to Shrug](#)

**A word of warning!** If you teach your kids to shrug you need to be prepared for them to use this shrugging technique against you when you direct some criticism or constructive criticism their way!



## DID YOU KNOW .....

At MOUNT TARCOOLA PRIMARY we Recycle the following products and send them to various places.

The following go to TERRACYCLE -

- Oral Care Products-eg toothbrushes, boxes, toothpaste tubes, floss boxes
- Yoghurt pouches

We receive points for every kilo. Last year we recycled 15 Kilos of Oral care products and Yoghurt pouches. We received \$44.00 for our recycling efforts to help us buy plants, soil, seedlings.

We have a large blue collection container near the cricket nets on Acacia Street where we collect **plastic bottles, no.1 and no. 2 ( Please no plastic bags and no lids.)**

We also collect cans and printer cartridges.

**PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE - RANGEWAY

#### Every week:

- ◆ **Breastfeeding counsellor** - appointments available every Thursday at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, Bookings essential - [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au) or 9921 6814, children welcome
- ◆ **Drop in playgroup** - every Friday for children aged 0 to 4 at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway. No bookings needed
- ◆ **Grandparents playgroup** - every Thursday (except third week of each month) at the Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Centre. No bookings needed

#### Next month:

- ◆ **Resilient, confident children (Seminars 2 & 3 combined, Triple P)** - Wednesday 6 June, 9.30am to 11.30am OR 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, Bookings essential - [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au) or 9921 6814, children welcome
- ◆ **Stepping Stones, the power of positive parenting (Triple P)** - for parents and carers of children with a developmental disability. Three part program, beginning Wednesday 6 June 12.30pm to 2.30pm and continuing once a week at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, Bookings essential - [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au) or 9921 6814, children welcome
- ◆ **Guiding children's behaviour (Dealing with disobedience, Triple P)** - Wednesday 13 June, 9.30am to 11.30am OR 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, Bookings essential - [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au) or 9921 6814, children welcome
- ◆ **Getting along with others (Managing fighting and aggression, Triple P)** - Wednesday 20 June, 9.30am to 11.30am OR 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, Bookings essential - [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au) or 9921 6814, children welcome



### HARRIERS JUNIOR RUNFEST IS BACK AGAIN!

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm get down to the beautiful foreshore to put yourself AND our school in the running to win prizes.

Make sure you enter 'Mount Tarcoola PS' when you register to add your distance to our school's total.

More details at [www.geraltonrunfest.com](http://www.geraltonrunfest.com) or use our school's individual registration link to

enter now.

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<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=29841&G=63013>